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Rule change, Pt. 2

BY LACH LITWER

Just as their predecessors last year, members of Executive Council are trying to pass a new constitution, this time legally.

The changes involved would affect all branches of the student-run organization. Most differences will affect the way General Assembly is run. The most visible of these is the renaming of the General Assembly to the Parliament.

The change in the constitution will also make all members of the student body members of General Assembly. However, only reg. room representatives and one class representative will be allowed to vote.

This is a move away from Executive Council's domination of student government, as all Executive Council members used to have voting power in the General Assembly.

"It was brought up in General Assembly that it (the General Assembly) is the only check on Executive Council's power, so it seemed only fair that we keep this check," said Davin Sweeney, student body president.

The new constitution will also add a "none of the above" option on ballots. "This is in case we have a situation where there are no good candidates," Sweeney explained. "If people vote for the 'none of the above' option, Executive Council will have the options of nominating someone for the position or leaving it empty."

The new constitution will also add an External Affairs Commissioner who would represent Lincoln's interests to outside bodies, including other student governments, and the city and state governments.

When the new constitution goes up for a vote in the General Assembly, reg. rooms will be given an opportunity to weigh in on which parts they like and which they would change. Whether the new constitution gets passed will be decided by the students through reg. reps.

IN A NUTSHELL

The new Constitution would bring about many changes. The key ones are listed below.

1. General Assembly dubbed "Parliament"
2. All students are GA members
3. Only reg. rep's and one class rep' can vote
4. Addition of a 'non-of the above' box on ballots

When drinking and driving collide

BY ERIC RAUH

Students entered school early Monday morning Dec. 1st expecting another routine week, but something was different. Along the hallway walls, yellow police tape with "caution" written in bold black ink, enclosed the painted white outlines of young children and teenagers killed in alcohol-related car accidents.

The week of Dec. 1 was drunk driving awareness week, and last Friday an assembly was held to educate students on the dangers of such conduct.

The message was presented through a series of graphic slide show images and the firsthand experience of trauma nurse Joanne Fairchild, who has worked at Emanuel Hospital.

> *"I hope someone out there got the message."*
>
> Joanne Fairchild
> GUEST SPEAKER

Photos of bloody teenagers being cut from vehicles, and remnants of mangled babies sent a quieting chill through students in the bleachers. Fairchild gave dramatic descriptions of some of the worst sites she has seen in the hospital, such as bodies shattered by drunk driving.

"I hope someone out there got the message," Fairchild said after the assembly. "I'm speaking from my heart and experience when I say that drinking and driving really don't mix."

As the assembly drew to a close, students began to discuss it amongst themselves as they exited the gym. Some students seemed to have learned something from the assembly, while others shrugged off the frightening possibility that they, too, might one day end up under Fairchild's care.

"Man, I'm never going to drink and drive," one student said with apparent sincerity, while another sarcastically mumbled, "Well, that's one way to reduce the population."

When the final bell rang on that Friday, students stampeded towards the doors, but once outside, they slowed down, taking one last look at what was once a car.

A yellow Mustang that belonged to a 20-year-old college student rested on the patio in a chaotic collage of broken glass and metal.

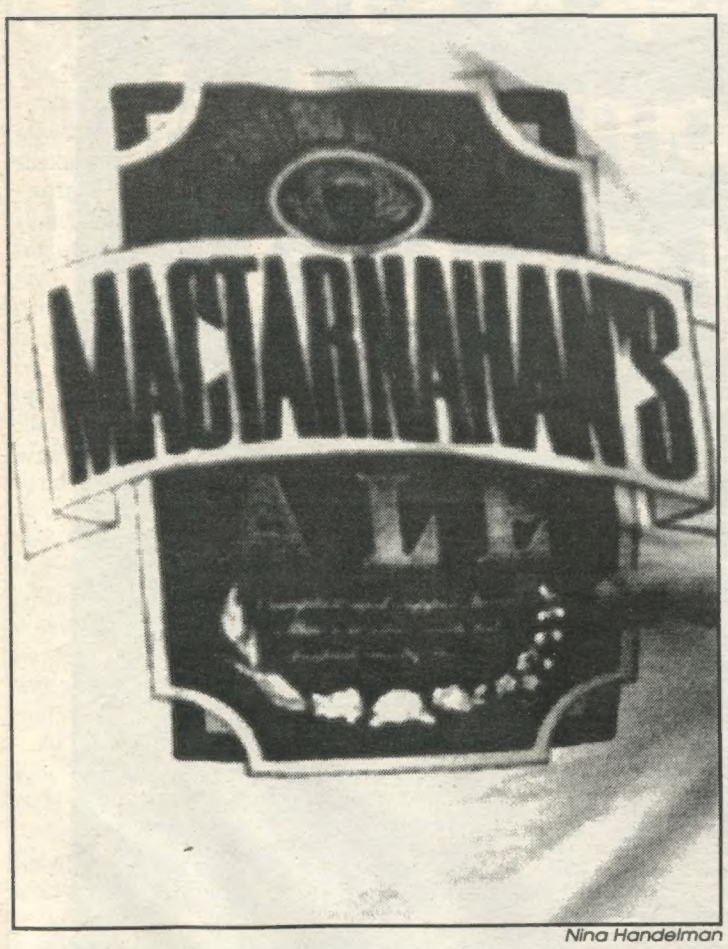
The day was over, but the weekend was just beginning.

As journalism and civics teacher David Bailey said, "The beer has been bought, and the parties have been planned; some things never change."

Pernilla Nathan

Telling it like it is: Guest speaker Joanne Fairchild shares her experiences as a trauma nurse treating victims of car wrecks at Emanuel Hospital.

Smoking isn't only inconsistently enforced rule



Nina Handelman

Breakin' the law: Some students simply don't see a reason for many school policies. Wearing a shirt depicting an alcoholic beverage, for example, isn't permitted.

BY ERIC RAUH

In a recent issue of the Cardinal Times student smoking policies around and on campus were spotlighted for their lack of enforcement by administrators.

According to the Handbook on Student Responsibilities, Rights and Discipline, students caught smoking on or adjacent to school property are subject to disciplinary action ranging from detentions and parent conferences, to suspension and reassignment. Many members of the student community have begun to ask questions as to why this rule is apparently not being enforced.

The most popular "smoke spot" for students is conveniently located right across the street from the main campus area, no more than 150 feet from the patio. "Last year people used to walk blocks away from school to smoke. This year they cross the street," one smoker said.

There have been numerous detentions given out for smoking this year, but in many cases, no further disciplinary action has been taken for repeat offenders. According to one student, "I've had four detentions for smoking but that's all."

Student smoking is not the only rule that has been inconsistently enforced. It is also stated in the Student Handbook that in order to provide a positive learning environment, no clothing supporting drugs or alcohol may been worn on campus during school hours. Although any article of clothing with a beer company's label, for example, is in violation of this rule, it is not difficult to find a student wearing such a tee-shirt.

According to Administrative Vice Principal Ken Fong, all rules are being enforced but with difficulty, due to the number of students compared to the number of security officials.

"We have over 1300 students and three individuals responsible for all disciplinary action," said Fong. "When we get a report of someone smoking, they are usually finished by the time we get out there."

Some students feel certain rules to be unfair or unnecessary. "I won a Weinhard's tee-shirt through a 'no purchase necessary' contest. I don't see why I shoudn't be able to wear it when and where I want," said senior Ano Suppaiah.

General Assembly plans new dance

BY JACOB OKEN-BERG

For those who just can't wait to "strut their stuff" at the next school dance, General Assembly has some welcome news. An informal dance with the theme, "Lincoln Luau," has been scheduled for Jan. 10 in the Grand Ballroom at the Portland Art Museum. The dance is in addition to the winter formal held annually during February.

"We had been hearing from a number of people during GA meetings that students wanted another dance," said senior executive representative Miranda Weigler. "So we decided to add an informal dance where people could have fun without the usual pressure of a semi-formal."

Coinciding with the demand for a new dance was an offer from the Portland Art Museum to allow students to use the space where last year's prom was held in exchange for museum bus parking around Lincoln during the summer.

"Since the exchange gives us the dance space at no cost, we are planning to sell tickets for much less than the usual amount," said Weigler.

Initially, some concern was raised over the fact that the dance is scheduled so close to the Winter Formal.

"We wanted to make sure that there wasn't going to be two semi-formals within a month of each other," said Sophomore Class advisor Steve Runion. "But since the January dance will be informal and inexpensive, there shouldn't be any conflict."

CARDINAL sports

MONTGOMERY PARK MONEY

Miscommunications and a dispute over broken tables has resulted in the Senior Class paying $660.03 less than the original damage costs of $1,008.28 charged by officials with Montgomery Park.

After Senior Class president Jereme Axelrod pointed out an error in the invoice, Montgomery Park changed the amount due to $739.28.

"The invoice charged us $298.68 for two gallons of floor sealer which were actually $14.84 per gallon," said Axelrod.

Axelrod responded to Montogomery Park's charges on Nov. 24 by sending a letter with a check for $364.03.

In the letter, he stated that the Senior Class would not pay the cost of replacing two broken tables since they had been broken before the dance. The senior class did, however, agree to split the cost that resulted from a miscommunication over cleaning.

STUDENTS BURN TRASH

"I heard someone say 'Fire'! so I looked out the window and saw a group of kids taking trash out of the garbage cans...then they lit it on fire." That's how an anonymous onlooker described a fire that was set outside of the doors on the east side of the building on Dec. 4.

" We have no suspects and no leads," said Ken Fong, administrative vice principal.

School police are also involved in any situation dealing with arson. If found, participants will be suspended, pending expulsion.

HOT TOPICS LECTURES RETURN

Hot Topics lectures will begin in January and run through March in Rm. 169. International Studies Center students are required to attend one lecture; an additional two will be counted as an international night.

Topics to be discussed have not been decided upon, although some ideas are cloning and Third World income. "We would really appreciate student ideas and input on what they are interested in," says Mimi Alkire, ISC leader. Suggestions for Hot Topics lectures will be taken in the ISC office.

MOCK MUN RESOLVES ISSUES

The Palestinian and Israeli conflict was aired at yesterday's Model United Nations meeting, "Mock MUN" Leaders hoped that all freshmen and new members from schools all over the state would attend the meeting. The meeting was a replica of the Eugene conferance held every year in April and gave new members experience debating. It followed the general MUN process where students first had a general debate and argued their own ideas. Students came up with resolutions to problems in Palestine and Israel. Everybody who attended voted to try and amend resolutions and resolve issues raised in the debate.

CARDINAL dates

DECEMBER

18 - Star search in the auditorium at 7:00pm

19 - Last day of school before winter break

JANUARY

5 - Return from winter break

8 - First ISC Hot Topics lecture

9 - Martin Luther King Jr. assembly

Constitution team goes to State

BY LACH LITWER

A silence fell over the room as the judges who would decide the fate of 30 Lincoln students walked into the room. Two hours later the verdict was announced. "The winner of the 'We The People' district competition by a close margin is Lincoln High School." The '97-98 Constitution team won the right to compete in the state finals of the We The People constitution program Wednesday, Dec. 3 at David Douglas High School.

The team was competing against the Wilson High School advanced placement government class, which is in its first year.

Members of the Lincoln team will compete at the State championships on Dec. 18 in the Capitol building in Salem. That has given the students two weeks to study and prepare for the competition. Students and coaches alike felt the team showed its mettle at the district championships.

"The competition was really intense, and the team's hard work showed. No one flaked; it was amazing," said Brenna McMahon, junior and member of Unit Three, which deals with how the values and principles embodied in the Constitution shape American institutions and principles.

Members of the team worked on their answers from the day they received them until they walked into the room where the competition was being held.

As the team piled into the yellow school bus which would take them to David Douglas to compete, students chanted their answers like mantras under their breath. When people stumbled and couldn't remember lines, they quickly refered to the 3x5 card, which was all the notes allowed in the prepared answer phase of the competition.

On the road, small groups gathered in the bus to study for follow-up questions that the judges would ask them in response to their prepared statement. "Any team can prepare a strong statement; it's in followups, when you have to answer without notes from what you know, where our kids really shine," said coach Hal Hart.

If the team wins at State, it will represent Oregon at the national championships in Washington, D. C. for the 11th consecutive year.

Student government's role redefined

In the past two issues of the Cardinal Times, I've reported on the activities of student government. Doing so has given me a clearer picture of how it functions, and the endeavor was disappointing.

I don't mean to slight members of student government; most of them work hard and perform to the best of their ability. I do, however, place blame on the system and the way that student government is organized and run.

The fatal flaw of student government is that it fails to make a substantial difference in the ordinary student's experience at Lincoln. It brainstorms dance themes, it coordinates blood drives, but beyond that, student government has failed to influence the lives of students directly. And that is not right, because student government should have a single all-important goal: To give you what you want.

It is clear that apathy has become commonplace, but I don't believe that the student body is to blame. Why pay attention to the activities of an institution that does very little which is relevant to you? The solution is to rewrite the constitution in such a manner that it focuses student government on two things: gleaning opinions and requests from the student body, and acting upon them.

AARON *Patterson*

There are many issues that student government isn't dealing with that it should. Moreover, these are things that students have expressed concern about repeatedly. Many students who take early buses to school would like to see the school doors open earlier; so would teachers.

Why can't student government work to find a compromise between the administration and the students/ teachers that would provide this?

Additionally, concern about the mess that we make in our halls is no new thing. Why shouldn't it be the responsibility of student government to "crack down" on the offenders who dirty this school for the rest of us?

"Bad press" only occurs when there is something bad to report on. That is exactly what has happened in *The Cardinal Times*. Some of the best and brightest members of the student body populate this year's cabinet, and they should be given a chance to make use of their talents. Unfortunately, the current constitution doesn't really provide for this, and neither does the most recent draft I've seen of the new proposal.

Watch this space for my own modest proposal regarding how things need to be changed.

CLARIFICATION

Concerns have been raised over the coverage in the last issue of *The Cardinal Times* regarding a proposed amendment to the constitution by Executive Council. *The Cardinal Times* regrets any confusion that may have been caused by the article. At this time, the amendment is undergoing revision.

In the next issue of *The Cardinal Times*, a full page will be devoted to the controversy surrounding student government.

El Niño will affect vacations

BY LIESEL KIEL

Winter break is approaching quickly; parents are making last-minute reservations, and students have begun to count down the days until Dec. 19. However, before any plans are finalized, find out where El Niño will hit the hardest and if it will affect a few favorite vacation spots.

El Niño, meaning the "the little one," was named after the Christ child by Peruvian fishermen who noticed the ocean warmed periodically around Christmas time.

That is exactly what El Niño is, "a warming of tropical Pacific water," says News Channel 8 chief meteorologist, Matt Zaffino. During El Niño, mild trade winds cause water warming, which produces many unusual side effects around the globe. This year, the Pacific has already seen 14 storms in rare places.

How could this tropical storm affect favorite winter vacation spots? Warming climates promise worse skiing this year at popular spots such as Mt. Bachelor, Mt. Hood and various places in Canada.

"We' re gonna have a wet horrible winter, which will mean a short season [for the ski team] ," says senior Allison Fisker. But "if the snow pack comes early, then from Christmas on it should look better," remarked Zaffino. For those planning a ski vacation "the best spot, as of now, is Southwest Colorado," he said.

All the homies keep it tight without the dank and the drank.

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Quick Shots

Live At Red Rocks

CD

Dave Matthews Band, BMG/RCA records, 2 CD set

★★★½

BY DAVID PULLIAM

DMB's latest release is a double-CD live album recorded in August of 1995 at Red Rocks in Colorado. The set consists of songs from "Remember Two Things," "Under the Table and Dreaming," and "Crash," and one previously unreleased track titled "#36."

Tim Rynolds, a guitarist who played on all three studio releases but doesn't regularly tour with the band, sat in and added an electric element to the melting pot. Overall, the record is good. It would have been nice to hear more unreleased tracks, but the song selection was good otherwise, and if you just want to hear some live DMB, here's your ticket.

Jane's Addiction

CONCERT

12/7/97, @ the Rose Garden

★★★½

BY DAVID PULLIAM

Frontman Perry Farrell and friends hit the Rose Garden Dec. 7 to support "Kettle Whistle," a collection of outtakes, demos, and live tracks from the band's past. Red Hot Chili Peppers bassist Flea was recruited after original member Eric Avery declined to take part in the reunion. The show felt more like a music video, with half naked women dancing on tower platforms and guitarist Dave Navarro wearing a tight black skirt and a red feather boa.

Navarro consistantly delivered hot, expressive licks all night. Flea held up the low end with modest lines, occasionally returning to the funky slap technique that he's famous for. Drummer Stephen Perkins was the backbone of the show, integrating jazz, rock, and exotic-sounding rhythms, often within the same song. Unfortunately, Farrell seems to have lost much of his vocal intensity and range, relying on digital effects to produce his trademark squeals. But instrumentally, you couldn't ask for much more.

It Means Everything

CD

Save Ferris, Epic Records, $15.99, suggested price

★★★

BY BRODIE LEWIS

This debut album from a band that got its name and hit song from '80's pop culture closely mirrors the rest of California ska, with its fast-paced beats and a full-horns section. Their hit song, "Come on Eileen" (originally written and performed by Dexy's Midnight Runners in 1983) has made them a national success. Last Tuesday, they had the honor of playing alongside The Cure, local heroes Everclear, and underground folk star Ben Harper, in the third annual NRK Snowball.

This seven-piece ensemble is headed by Monique Powell, who many claim sounds eerily like Gwen Stefani, lead singer of international stars No Doubt. Fortunately for Save Ferris, they are able to distance themselves from No Doubt by creating more fun, up-lifting songs with topics ranging from the essence of Spam to international spies.

★★★★ *Best ever! Worth your life savings.*
★★★ *Pretty darn good. Break the piggybank!*
★★ *Okay—Maybe worth a week's allowance.*
★ *Skip it! Not worth spare change.*
☘ *Free is still too expensive.*

Chihuly's exhibit at PAM dazzles

BY JESSE HALSTED

Droplets of light and tentacles of blue radiate from the object above you, a great explosion of color, with arms of green and red and cones of orange and yellow. You are not looking at an alien or some undiscovered sea creature, but rather, a work of art. You are looking at one of the chandelier pieces in the Dale Chihuly exhibit now at the Portland Art Museum.

The exhibit, which runs until Jan. 18, showcases over 350 pieces from The George R. Stroemple Collection. It surveys more than 20 years of Chihuly's work. The showing is also the West Coast premiere of Chihuly over Venice, which highlights the series of 14 chandeliers that he created for the 1996 Venice Biennale of Glass.

Chihuly, a Seattle-area glassblower, is world-renowned for his art. It can be as simple as a glass vase or can be complex and made up of several hundred pieces.

Sadly he no longer is able to create the art he love. Chihuly lost an eye and, along with it, his depth perception in a car accident. Today when he creates a piece in the studio, he directs a crew of artists.

THE FACTS

What: Dale Chihuly's glass exhibit.
Where: Portland Art Museum
Cost: $6 for students 16 years and younger, $10 for other students, and $11 for adults.

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A new leader

As Diane Snowden slides into her role as interim superintendent, replacing Dr. Jack Bierwirth, we recommend a few specifics that we believe demand her immediate attention.

First, there is the issue of technology. There must be a clearly stated district policy dictating what money is spent on what products with what intentions.

If the technology doesn't serve its purpose, then it is just a waste of money.

Second is the question of safety. Last year the metal detectors visited Lincoln once, checking only a small group of students in the middle of the day. A student with a gun needs to be caught during entry to the school, not hours later.

A clear safety policy must be established that goes beyond the current crapshoot of sporadic inspections.

Finally, there are the CIM/CAM standards. The drive for educational standards is to be applauded, and those standards have been set for Oregon students.

However, teachers need to be trained to be able to assist students in earning the CIM and CAM.

This will take money that the district just doesn't have. The new superintendent should make sure that we're not erecting a wall that students are just slamming into.

If all these issues are reviewed by Snowden, it could go a long way in bringing credibility to the district.

Sit back, relax...

It's the holidays, and with the holidays comes shopping, wrapping, working, and extreme stress. It's like there's a demon spawn which harbors inside us that we unleash for one month of racing through malls to find the best gifts at the lowest prices. And by the time it's over, we've spent loads of cash on a lot of things we'll never use.

It all branches off the real problem with people during the holidays, their sense of urgency. All the urgency won't lead to more things being accomplished, it will only lead to stress. Besides, this time of year isn't about store bought goods, it's about people.

What we need to do is relearn to take the time to notice each other... instead of material things.

'Times' no excuse

As Christmas and Hannukah approach, the world is faced with ravaging and widespread inflation, the possibility of war in Cyprus and The Middle East, shortages of everything from pennies to oil to toilet paper, and horrible famine in Africa and India. Extremists clamor for revolution; cynics populate the earth.

Christmas and Hannukah, howerver, are times of celebration, and too few people understand that. Complain not about the problems of earth, government, and individual. Appreciate instead the achievements of technology in medicine, air travel, and television; of industry in skyscrapers, bridges and stadiums; of the artists DaVinci, Rembrandt, Picasso, and Andy Warhol; of the writers Shakespeare, Dickens, Fitzgerald, and Hemingway; of the musicians Bach, Beethoven, Ravel, Gershwin, Ellington, and Elton John; of your friends and neighbors; of you.

And remember as you shop for Christmas and Hannukah gifts that the task is not a chore; that you are striving to make someone happy, and that they are undoubtedly doing the same for you. And if astronomical prices depress you, understand that there is nothing worse than someone who feels sorry for himself, especially during the holidays.

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EDITOR IN-CHIEF

Someone is always pushing the limits

For those reading this column who attended our drinking, drugging, and driving assembly last Friday, I hope you gained something from it beyond the usual rhetoric of anti-drug campaigns.

If you've already made the decision to not use alcohol and other drugs, more power to you.

JAKE Oken-Berg

But, being in high school, I understand that for someone to simply preach about what we should and shouldn't do isn't going to be too effective.

Hopefully, seeing pictures of someone bleeding all over the operating table on the verge of death is.

Hopefully, hearing about a girl, our age, who only had a half a beer, yet had her judgment impaired just enough to kill a pregnant woman and her three-year old daughter is.

Hopefully, being able to walk up and touch a smashed car in which a 17-year-old boy was killed is.

And hopefully, images and stories, such as these, won't be needed to remind people of how stupid it is to go anywhere or do anything when they are under the influence of any drug.

But unfortunately, it probably isn't.

It isn't, because there are students, in this school, that you and I know well, who have convinced themselves that even if they've only had two beers or just a few hits, they can get home just fine.

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But it simply doesn't work that way.

Those same people who think it's O. K. to drive as long as they're only a little bit buzzed, are the exact same people who WILL push the limits just a little too much one night and end-up hurting themselves or someone else.

So far, the fact that they have made it home safely is just because they've been lucky.

I know how it goes. It's one of your good friends, and you don't want to make a big deal out of it. After all, chances are, everyone will make it home just fine, so there's no reason to stir up trouble.

How many friends of the 2,500 youths who died last year in drunk driving accidents were thinking the same thing before *their* friend left?

Maybe that's a question everyone should ask themselves before they let their friend drive away from the next party.

And by the way. In the time it has taken you to read this column, one person has died and 22 people have been injured in drunk-driving accidents.

Thumbs up to:

- Winter break: Two weeks of relief is just around the corner!
- The Constitution team: Congratulations on the win at District...now on to State.

Thumbs down to:

- Drinking and driving: Can you get any more stupid?
- The new spaghetti in the school lunches: One tablespoon of oregano, one more, and one more...

You tilt the thumb:

- Body paintings on the floor: They made us think, but was the message clear?
- Latrell Sprewell's suspension: Why not kick him out for life?

EDITOR IN-CHIEF

Something to be thankful for

Every Wednesday, I take an hour out of my day to deliver food to house-bound AIDS patients who, without someone's service, wouldn't have a meal to eat. It was in the midst's of delivering this food the day before Thanksgiving that I realized why we give thanks.

BEN Amster

On the following day, most of us sat down at the dinner table to find a beautiful spread- a bountiful feast consisting of turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and all the other usual holiday dishes.

We sat down with our loved ones, and in turn said, at least to ourselves, what we were thankful for. Many people say their wonderful family, or their great house, or their extensive feast. But more often, we don't realize how thankful we really should be.

We don't notice it a lot of the time, but many of the things we take for granted are the things that the less fortunate cherish. That scrap of bread we throw in the garbage, for instance, could be another man's dinner. It was while I was delivering food that I realized we can't all live in the conditions so many Lincoln students live in. Many people don't have families, or a place to live, or even food on Thanksgiving.

So when I gave thanks this year, I was not just thankful for being able to have that meal, but every meal of the year. I was thankful for having a family to be with. And I was thankful for the opportunity to volunteer, to actually be able to give another man his Thanksgiving dinner.

It is during the holidays that citizens are most needed to serve food, make donations, and help in any other way they can. The ISC and School-to-Work offices have long lists of places to help out; all they need is the manpower.

This Christmas, Hannukah, or Kwanzaa, while you're getting presents and eating your bountiful feasts, give someone else something to be thankful for.

Volunteer.

PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Parents indifferent

I was shocked. There was barely an audience. But, I sat down, listened, and learned a lot about a topic I thought I knew really well: teenage substance abuse. I was asked to speak and give a student's view on the topic. I was surprised at what I was saying.

Never did I think I would describe what keg sites were like to an officer, a detective, parents, and faculty members.

PERNILLA *Nathan*

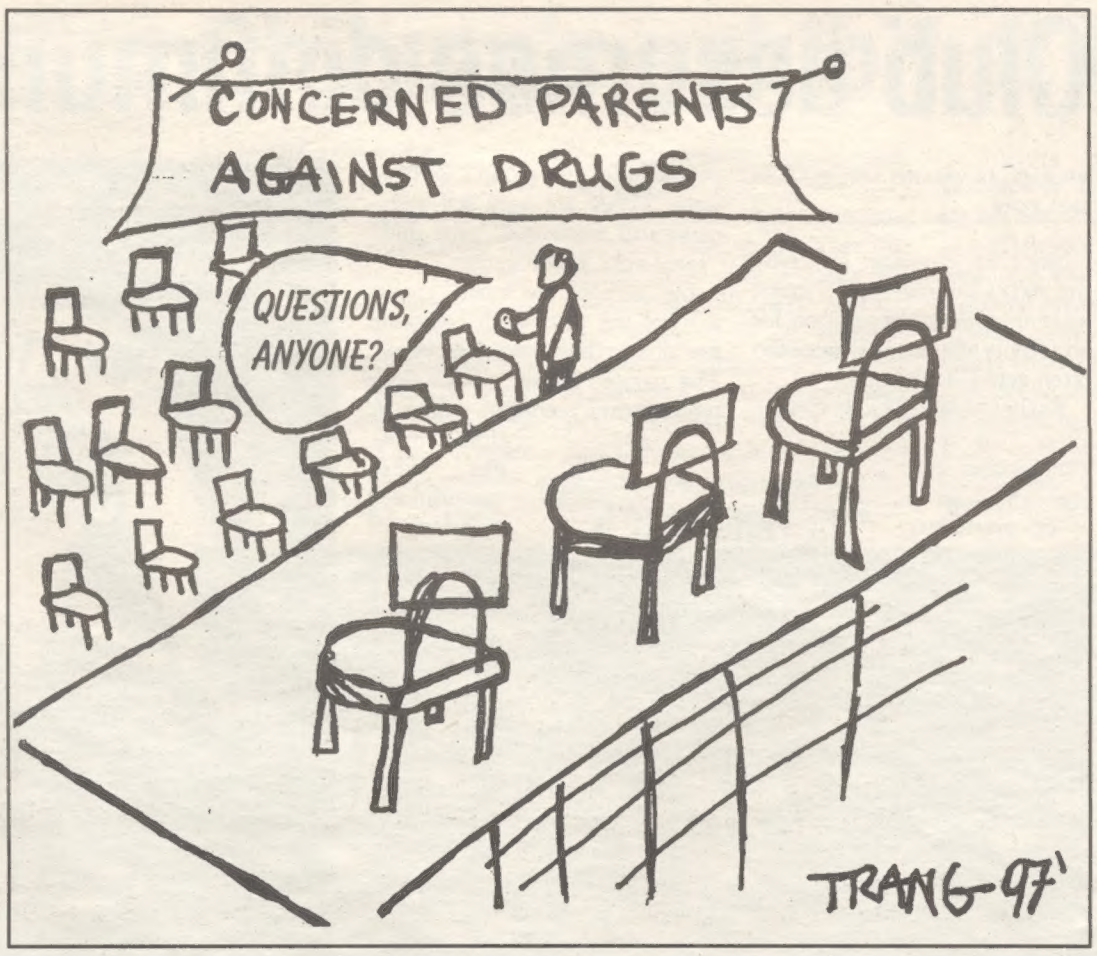
But, parents have every right to know where their kids are.

My audience was concerned adults, but few were at The Parent Line Inc. forum Nov. 18. The group holds forums about teenage substance abuse for parents. A few parents thought the problem was too big to stop. But all it takes is for people to talk seriously.

That is what happened last Friday at the assembly on drunk driving. Maybe parents need to be invited to attend these assemblies, so they also can learn.

Students and parents need to discuss important topics to stop drug abuse.

It may seem like a problem that is too big to fix, but at least we can try.



ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Barbie controversy 'reduced'

I was a normal little girl. I played with my Barbies. But did I think that they were the beginning and cause of the obsession that women have with their bodies?

No.

Now I hear about all the controversy surrounding Barbie's measurements, and I can't help thinking people are blowing things out of proportion.

Sure, Barbie is not a proportional human being, but what doll is? Look at the Cabbage Patch dolls. They have no real feet.

With all the complaints about Barbie having an ultra-small waist and an ultra-big chest, Mattel decided to make Barbie a little more realistic. They have decided to make Barbie's chest smaller and her waist larger.

SARAH *Melton*

This change is due to the fact that many believe Barbie makes little girls aspire to be her.

This is simply untrue.

Barbie is merely a doll, and she isn't a role model. Most girls see her as such. All this controversy is for nothing.

People should be more worried about their children seeing violence on television than whether Barbie's chest size is leading girls down the wrong path to health.

Letters to the Editor

Support for the arts lacking

To the editor:

I am writing out of a frustration, not just at the paper but at the way Lincoln High School treats the arts.

There is inequality in the coverage of school events, but *The Cardinal Times* is only one part of the problem. The fact that *The Cardinal Times* devotes two pages of each paper to sports and does not have a consistent forum for arts coverage is proof of my point.

I realize that *The Cardinal Times* does try to cover events in drama, Polyglot and choir, but this is not enough! Between the various arts activities in this school there is enough going on to fill a page in each issue.

Like students whose passions lie in sports, many Lincoln student are passionate about the arts. They lurk in the photography department, writing lab, ceramics room or in the auditorium.

Lincoln owes it to these people to give them the support of the press. We devote whole assemblies to congratulate our school sports teams, but we have had only one arts assembly in the past nine years. Polyglot, drama and arts Club are working to change this attitude towards the arts, but we need the support of the school newspaper.

I ask you, on behalf of the students of the arts at this school, to please give us the support that we deserve.

~Rachel Meyers, Anna Campbell, and Rachel Torchia, seniors

Teachers leaving their classes

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter on behalf of all the students at Lincoln.

We are being shortchanged in our education. Teachers have been leaving classes left and right. We, the students, are left to be taught by substitutes. Thankfully, we get extremely competent substitutes.

One of my teachers told me that when we get a day off for Martin Luther King, Jr. day that we were getting denied the opportunity to learn. However, he leaves a few days early for Thanksgiving, thus not only denying us the opportunity to learn, but the satisfaction of hearing his sarcastic voice for that period of time.

Had I, or any of my fellow students, been forced to miss class for reasons of sickness, upon our return we would be confronted with the phrase, "We don't care," after being asked where we were.

This teacher also took this leave of absence in the middle of the book war. I would compare this to Patton telling the troops to invade Germany and then not showing up. I am not directing all of my anger at this one teacher; this was just an example.

Other teachers do similar things, also. I have talked with other students, and they have been abandoned by their teachers, also.

I say we ask all teachers to apologize publicly in a substitute-free assembly.

(This is not meant to attack substitutes in any way; the ones that come to Lincoln are excellent at what they do.)

~Jon Gold and Nathanial Willson, seniors

Budget whines are just excuses

To the editor:

This letter is in regard to the ongoing budget issue of our school. Although I completely agree that school funding is extremely important to how a school runs, I find the general statement made by the student body of Lincoln melodramatic.

Sure, the class sizes are big, and many times there aren't enough seats for everybody in the class, but when students go on to say they can't learn in such an environment, it sounds like we're a bunch of spoiled, whiny, yuppie children.

The students who make this statement are often the ones who aren't concerned about their education in the first place.

Large class sizes is just an excuse not to learn. If somebody really wanted a good education, they would sit back against the window pane, pay attention, and spend the time they're using now for whining, for studying.

~Tiffany Ellis, junior

German club not included

To the editor:

We in the German Club would like to express our disappointment in your article about school clubs in the last edition of *The Cardinal Times*.

We feel that language clubs should have been included in both your article and the school assembly.

The idea that language clubs are boring, uncool or routine is unfounded and stereotypical. We in the German Club work hard to make our club interesting and fun for people, whether or not they speak German.

~Jenni Doherty and Natalie McDonald, juniors

Editor's Note: The clubs article in the Nov. 21 issue included all chartered clubs according to a list published by student council.

Voices in the Hall

What effect do you think that the artwork in the halls have on drunk driving?

"The bodies in the halls are pointless. They seem like an excuse for student council to waste more money, and for the school to be trashed."

Kevin Cunningham, *junior*

"I think that they'll help, but considering not many of the students can drive, I don't know if it will help that much."

Athena Kern, *freshman*

"None, because they are just paintings on the ground, and people will laugh at them."

Ry Malloy, *sophomore*

"Obviously not everyone is going to take this in a positive way."

Rich Dodge, *health teacher*

"Absolutely nothing. I think it was a waste of time. Show actual pictures."

John Gentner, *freshman*

"For me, it did personally affect me, because it shows actual people that died."

Karen Zotter, *senior*

"I know that the murals out by the auditorium really affected me."

Hasan Cross, *senior*

The Crazy Eight

Crazy Eight Ways to Make Money Off of Your Septuplets

8. Drug cartel

7. Circus Family

6. New set of adorable siblings on "Full House"

5. Fertility drug endorsements

4. Collect the free house, free college tuitions, and free car offered to you for simply giving birth

3. They're old enough to work for Kathie Lee Gifford, aren't they ?

2. They're old enough to work for Nike, aren't they ?

1. Sell them to "semi-legal" adoption services.

By Liam McGranahan and Jonathan Schwartz

Club assumes community role

BY AMY JENNARO AND SARAH MELTON

Since its inception in 1996, the Arts Club has been a major force in gaining recognition for an activity whose importance too often gets lost- the arts.

Rachel Myers, Angie Corvi, Gordan Zimmerman and Jessica Vera serve as co-presidents and have lead the club into active involvement in two mural projects.

> "The (Arts Club) is very self -motivated.
>
> Connie Speros
> TEACHER

One of the projects involves large painted panels that will be displayed in the cafeteria.

The other project is more community- oriented. Club members work to make murals with an artist at William Temple House, an organization that helps homeless people and recovering alcoholics.

Adviser and ceramics teacher Connie Speros has been impressed with the group's dedication. "They are very self- sufficient and motivated," she said. "They work well together."

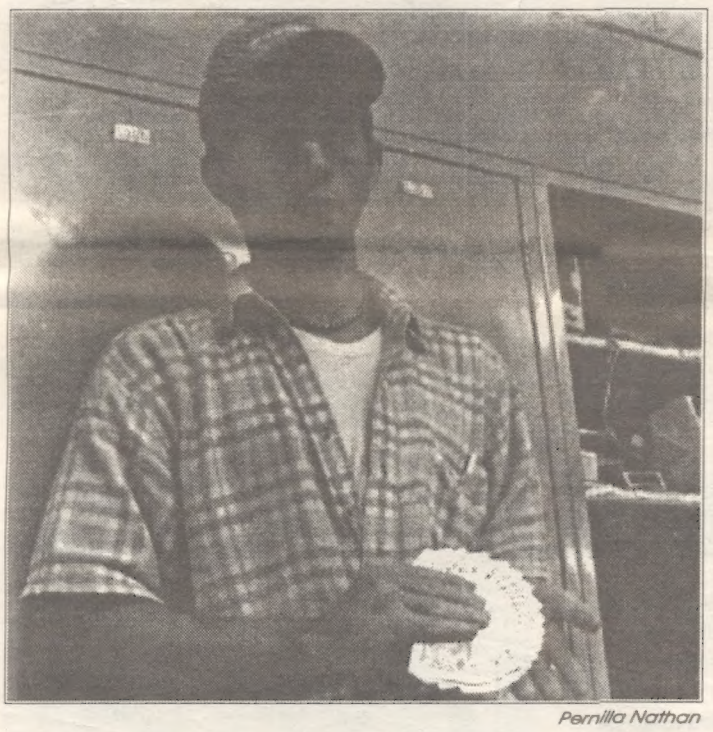
But perhaps the most evident activity the Arts Club has done was all over the hallways last week. The painted bodies on the floor representing teenagers killed by drunk drivers were powerful reminders of the growing epidemic of drinking and driving. The artwork was all part of a week given to the issue.

According to Myers, senior, the main purpose of the club is to "benefit those kids who work in the darkroom and with the arts and don't get recognition for it."

In the future, the Arts Club plans several days encouraging students to try their own hand at making art and tapping into the artistic process.

Art Messages: Club members display their statement

Future Copperfield lights up hallways



Pernilla Nathan

Abracadabra: Andrew Moore shows off his tricks

BY BRODIE LEWIS

You've probably seen him in the halls. He's the one with a crowd of students surrounding him as he dazzles them with a quickly moving deck of cards, or a banana appearing in a cloud of fire. But for senior Andrew Moore, magic is about more than fooling people. For him, "It's about fun and entertainment."

> **THE FACTS**
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> **Years doing magic:** One-and-a-half.
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> **Favorite Trick:** Card on the ceiling (a selected card in the middle of the deck sticks to the ceiling.)

Moore has been performing for the Society for American Magicians, after being introduced to the society by a friend. At weekly meetings, he learns the "tricks of the trade" from other magicians.

"It was pretty scary. I was at Callin's [a well-known novelty shop that specializes in magic] almost every day this summer, learning new card tricks," said Moore. So what is he working on now?

Judging him, he's probably working on a way to give his prom date a corsage that will out do this year's homecoming, when he made his date's corsage appear in a ball of fire.

Says Moore with a chuckle, "That one was pretty tricky, but she seemed surprised." Obviously, she didn't know his talent.

Song of the shopper

Push, shove, push, shove,
This my shopping goes,
While some attack my face,
Some tread upon my toes.

A scarf for Aunt Miranda.
A pipe for Uncle Seth,
I'll get them all-I swear I will-
If I'm not crushed to death.
I struggle to the counter,
I grab the first thing near,
And fumble in my pocket,
With a cold, heart-clutching fear.
Hurrah, a bill. I put it down.
And juggle with the change.
And rush away with desp'rate haste
And trip upon a range.

The Cardinal, December 1926

Pernilla Nathan

Thespians in robes: Elizabeth Niemitz and Paul Susi have fun rehearsing for their roles in "Sister."

'Sister' ready for premiere

BY JAMES NELSON

"Sister Mary Ignatious Explains it All For You" will be performed by the advanced drama class today at 7:30 p. m. "Sister Mary" is the second of the one-act plays that advanced drama will perform this year.

"It is about a nun that is mentally 'not there', but is still teaching Catholic school," said student director Finda Yambasu. "She is visited by four of her old students who don't like her, and is confronted by all of the problems caused by her. I don't want to give away the end, but very bad things happen."

The cast has been rehearsing for five weeks. "The rehearsals have been going real well," said Yambasu. "I am so proud of my cast."

The play is co-directed by Mariah Jones.

There are virtually no props for this production. The only thing the class had to make was a wooden cross. "If we don't have the prop, we call places to see if they would have it," said Yambasu.

One element of the play that has been difficult to work with is the lights. "The lights are a big part of the play. That can be complicated if you don't know what you're doing," said Yambasu.

Featured performers include Jesse Mejia, Danielle McWilliams, Elaina Ellis, Oriana Lewton-Leopold, Paul Susi, and Elizabeth Niemitz.

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Lack of classes pins wrestling

BY NINA HANDLEMAN

The varsity wrestling team started its season off with an unavoidable loss to Benson last Tuesday. The Cards automatically gave up 30 points from forfeits, due to absences in various weight classes. Three Lincoln wrestlers won their matches: sophomore David Amiton (103 lbs.), junior Andrew Enriquez (140 lbs.), and junior Kevin Cunningham, (152 lbs.).

"They wrestled hard, and fought back well," said head coach Mike Ives. Cunningham wrestled a "great match," added varsity coach Steve Heintz.

The annual Lincoln Invitational Dec. 4 drew Mountain View, Franklin, and Fort Vancouver. Mountain View won the tournament, the Cards tied Franklin for 2nd, and Fort Vancouver was 4th. Due to the absence of wrestlers in three weight classes, Lincoln was forced to give up 18 points automatically.

Jeff Nelson

Ready to rumble: Sophomore Bill Foote (left) and juniorAndrew Enriquez at practice

"Overall, there was a great turnout, and now we're looking forward to the season," said Heintz. The Cardinals had two first-place finishes, with senior Andrew Papworth (160 lbs.), and Enriquez. "We would've probably won the whole tournament if we hadn't had to forfeit those points," said Papworth.

The team had great strength and endurance, but in some cases were out-matched. "The guys out-wrestled and out-techniqued me," said junior Andrew Bodmer, (125 lbs.). "Our reaction time was slow; that will be something to work on," said team co-captain Hunt Miller, senior.

Second Varsity

BY NICK ESMONDE

The second varsity team looks to make its mark on the mats. Raw talent and lots of off-season work on skills has brought the team a winning attitude. After a hard-fought finish against Lakeridge Dec. 3, the team went on to win five straight matches at the Lincoln Invitational Dec. 4.

"We've been working hard during the pre-season and hope to finish high in the PIL," said Tony McCallum, sophomore.

With a compromised showing at Tuesday's meet against Benson, the team wants to look past the match and toward next Tuesday's meet at Jefferson.

The Scorecard

-The Cards lost their first match of the year with Benson last Tuesday, after forfeiting 30 points due to an inability to fill weight classes.

- Next match Tuesday Dec. 16 at Jefferson.

Dieting wrestler-style

BY GEOFF HENDRICKS

You need to lose four pounds in one block period. Do you do it? Is it safe?

These are the questions that wrestlers often have to contemplate the day of a match. "You want to be as close to the limit as you can, so you don't lose any advantage in weight," said junior Andrew Bodmer, who is in the 125-pound weight class. He has made weight both match days, but not until after he lost a few pounds in between lunch and the weigh-in.

Some techniques used for quick weight loss are spitting, sitting in a sauna, not eating, using the restroom frequently, and running with many layers of clothes on. Most of these techniques are to rid excess water from the body, though dehydration, if severe enough, can cause health problems. "We in no way promote that [dehydrating]," said coach Mike Ives.

At the beginning of the season, all wrestlers must meet with a physician, their parents, and the coach to decide the minimum weight they can wrestle at that season.

Ives has met with the district physician and determined that a healthy way to lose two pounds is to eat correctly, avoid fiber the night before a match, and drink plenty of water.

There are no artificial weight-loss techniques allowed in the country, such as saunas, diet pills and the use of rubber suits, "but no one controls it," said Ives.

"Before weigh-in, I eat breads and fruits," said junior Andrew Enriquez (140 lbs). "After, I eat anything that's around."

Many of the more experienced wrestlers, like senior Andrew Papworth (160 lbs), and junior Kevin Cunningham (152 lbs) have lost many pounds in a short time. "It's dangerous if you don't do it correctly," said Cunningham.

> *"Before weigh-in, I eat breads and fruits. After (weigh-in) I eat anything that's around."*
>
> Andrew Enriquez
> JUNIOR

He has lost as many as 6 1/2 pounds in a 24-hour period, while Papworth has lost up to eight.

Once the wrestlers weigh in before the match and make weight, they are allowed to eat and drink whatever they please. Many eat pastas, rice and burritos, as well as drinking a lot of water to rehydrate themselves.

Is it safe to do this quick weight loss? The wrestlers think so, and just like the many who have been before them, they will continue to lose weight and then gain it back quickly.

Buzz cuts butchered

What can we say, our spell checker went to Hawaii with our advisor. We apologize for the errors in this story when it was run in the last issue of The Cardinal Times. It appears here in a corrected, revised format.

BY JEFF NELSON

Crack. A rack of pool balls explodes on the table with the sound of a bullet smashing the sound barrier. Phillip "Buzz" Poleson, in a shirt that suits him as a Renaissance man grins with self-righteousness.

Poleson recently returned from Las Vegas where he participated in a national billiards tournament, placing 17th out of more than 5000 competitors. "Las Vegas itself was kind of disappointing. It was a combination of Disneyland and Washington Square. Most of the people looked like they were from the Ohio State Fair. Sort of, 'Oh, gall, honey, let's go get some more cotton candy and balloons,'" said Poleson.

He has been a math instructor here for six years. "I started shooting pool when I was four, so I guess pool led to geometry," said Poleson.

In his spare time Poleson bakes, juggles, plays the violin, foot bags and takes care of his wife and two children.

He is currently working with the Pool Club. It meets every Thursday after school at Portland State University's Smith Center and is accepting students to join.

Poleson's family has a rich historical background in billiards. His grandfather was a barber and was the first person to bring a pool table to Northern Idaho. In his shop he would play his customers double-or-nothing on the price of their hair cut.

Poleson also designs pool tables and sells the plans to carpenters, an idea he got from a class assignment where his students designed their own pool tables.

Pool is Poleson's spirit, his athletic pursuit and his passion. His goal? To peak out at age 60, which gives him about 12 years.

Gauchos mount charge

BY MORGAN LEEK

Lincoln's own Gauchos, a Class "A" Goldenball team, has taken the league championship the past two years, and stand as the favorite to win their third consecutive title. Under the leadership of junior player-general manager Kevin Dodson, and junior player-coaches Adam Seskin and Henry Pruitt, the perennial winners like their chances at a three-peat.

The Gauchos was formed with the philosophy that freedom and personal expression on the court, leads to a winning franchise. "I was trying out for the school team my freshman year, when I realized the offense was designed to conform players to play the same," Pruitt reminisced. "That may work for some, but I'm a player who needs to create through originality. I decided that there were enough players like me to make a team." In the first two years of the team's existence, the Gauchos took the league by storm. This year an air of confidence and optimism hovers about the team. "We are warriors," says Dodson. "We have the skills and the heart to take us where we need to go."

The Jock Strip

RUGBY CLUB

Attention, rugby fans. For the first time in Lincoln history, there will be an opportunity to play rugby as a non-PIL spring sport. It will be coached by former international rugby player Matt Rainey, with help from social studies teacher Mike Sweeny. The first practice, open to anyone, was last Wednesday. Even though competition won't start for a few months, Rainey wants players to have a basic knowledge of the game as well as a physical and strategical foundation. A good number of students showed up for an informational meeting Thursday the fourth. "I've been a rugby fan all of my life," said sophomore Andrew Luft. "I can't wait to get out there and kick some butt."

PIL CHANGES

The Portland Interscholastic football league is discussing splitting the 10 team league into two five-team divisions. Beginning in the '98 season, the split league would give teams the chance to play two preseason games during the first two weeks of the schedule. "The non-league games would expose the PIL to different styles of play, and the historically stronger teams a chance to stay competitive all year," said head football coach Rich Dodge.

The PIL regular season would start the third week of the schedule, and each team would play the other four teams in their division as well as three teams from the other division. Going into week nine, the top three teams from each division would square off for the four playoff seeds. The two divisional winners would play for the number-one and-two spots. The second and third place teams from each division would play for the last two spots for the state playoffs. "I think the new format will create a new excitement in the league and make it more competitive in the State playoffs," said Dodge.

U.S. X-COUNTRY MEET

Three Lincoln athletes are members of a Junior Olympics team that will run in the United States Cross Country Championships this Saturday at Blue Lake Park. Seniors Jake Oken-Berg, Nels Overgaard-Cook, and George McCleary are all members of a Multnomah Athletic Club-sponsored team which finished second in the Junior Olympics state meet on Nov. 22.

Said Overgaard-Cook, "After years of State competition, we're all looking forward to running against athletes from around the nation."

SPORT!

If you have ever wondered about the body mechanics that go into throwing, running, or jumping, then you need to go to OMSI. Starting Jan. 31, the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry will be featuring *SPORT!*, the world's largest interactive exhibit devoted entirely to the science behind sport.

"Never mind hands-on. *SPORT!* is bodies-on, exciting the very human need to play," said Nancy Stueber, vice president of education and exhibits for OMSI. "Visitors can test their bodies and skills using dozens of interactive stations and games. They'll learn as they burn calories, perform, compete and judge."

The 6,000 square-foot exhibit features dozens of bodies-on activities. Youths and adults can test their speed pitching a baseball the regulation distance from the mound to home plate, walking on a balance beam, climbing a rock wall, experienceing spinning like an ice skater, hurling 100+miles an hour in a bobsled, uncovering secrets behind the way people walk, and feeling official power as they judge a gymnastic or ice skating event with computer coaching.

General admission to OMSI is $6.50 for ages 14-62 and $4.50 for ages 63+and 13 and lower. OMSI is open Tuesday through Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

What's in the Cards

LINDSAY HAFFNER Swimming

Senior Lindsay Haffner spends a lot of her time in the pool. She is not only on the Lincoln swim team but also a part of the Multnomah Athletic Club swim team. She has been swimming for nine years, and out of those nine years, seven were spent competing. Until four years ago Haffner lived in Bend and raced for the swim team there for three years. The fact that swimming is a very competitive sport has not stopped Haffner from qualifying for nationals four times. Her best event is the 100 and 200 meter backstroke. However, Haffner also is a good freestyler. So far she has no idea where she wants to go for college but "hopefully [it will be] somewhere on the East Coast."

CARSON MAXTED Bowling

Senior Carson Maxted is leading the bowling team into a striking season. With five years of experience and a single-game high of 198, the captain of the team is looking to help it repeat as league champion. "Anybody can do it," said Maxted. "[Bowling] is a way for people to get together." He started when a friend introduced him to the sport. He liked it immediately, and has been doing it ever since. Maxted founded the league two years ago with Elliot Rose of Catlin Gable, starting with only three teams. Lincoln competes at Valley Lanes every Thursday against Sunset, Catlin Gable and Oregon Episcopal School. This is the first year with more than three teams. "It's got a style to it," says Maxted; "it's a way to relax."

DANA LINSTROM Swimming

Dana Linstrom won't be diving into the swimming pool for a while. The junior swimmer took fifth place in the 100-yard butterfly at last year's District meet. Linstrom broke her big toe when it was slammed in a door last week. She was on crutches, but is recovering quickly, and hopes to be competing again by January. Linstrom's other events include the the 50-yd. and the 100-yd. freestyle. "I love the water, and I love the competition," she remarked. She has been swimming for nine of her 16 years, and also competes with the River Place Athletic Club.

WILL BALOGH Karate

Karate is a sport of devotion, skill, discipline and intelligence. To master it takes many years of hard work and dedication, and Will Balogh has been doing just that for the last 10 years. "By learning privately, all my lessons were enhanced and absorbed entirely," said the Lincoln sophomore, who has been training with Master Kentaro Kento, who holds a 6th degree black belt. Balogh obtained his black belt in the minimum required 10 years. His average week in the summer consists of 21 hours of training. Along with karate, the 170-pound Balogh also wrestles. Last year he took second at the District meet.

His most outstanding accomplishment was in Florida at the National Junior Olympics. He won the national karate title, but in the process broke his arm in three places, thanks to a kick from an opponent. After Nationals, he was invited to compete in "the international tournament," but had to decline because of his injury. Since then Balogh also has been invited to train with the national karate team in California, but he is undecided on whether he really wants to make that much of a commitment. "I am still thinking about it," he said.

Men's b-ball dunks Ashland

BY NINA HANDLEMAN

High scoring and a fast pace made last Friday night's men's varsity basketball win over Ashland High School exciting, and the Cards are now looking forward to tonight's 7:30 p. m. game against Aloha away.

Freshman Salim Stoudamire came through as the star on the team with 31 points, and junior Ben Franceschi had 11. "We won because of individual talents, but we didn't do a lot of things that we'll need to do in the future," said Franceschi.

The Scorecard

- *Varsity men won their game last Friday 78-65 over Ashland.*
- *Varsity women lost their game Thursday, Dec. 4 to 5th-ranked Westview 80-40.*
- *Both teams will compete in tournaments over the break.*

The Cardinals came out a little sloppy in the first half, which can be expected in an opening game, but returned for the second half wanting more. Lincoln gave up a lot of rebounds, and allowed a lot of scoring by Ashland. "We didn't run our offense well, and didn't run our transition offense at all," said senior Nile Hagen. "If the team comes together, we should be able to play with any team in the State."

Hagen is among several members of the squad not playing for various reasons. He is out, along with junior Walker Carey, because of a sprained ankle. Two key players, juniors Caleb Harris and Rasheen Hudson, are currently ineligible, but both expect to play after winter break.

During break, the team will be keeping busy with practice every day except Christmas Day and Christmas Eve, and playing in a tournament at Grant on Dec. 28 and 29.

After an anticipated loss to Westview Dec. 4 for the preseason opener, the varsity girls team is still looking forward to a good season. Westview is the team that lost to Oregon City in the State finals last year. "They are the fifth-ranked team in State. Even though we lost, as a first game, we came together nicely," said senior Amanda Gilbert. Junior Kara Magee-Arick led the team in scoring with 10 points.

"It was a fast-paced game; they had a lot of quick players," said junior Ali BenBen. The girls had strong defense, but Westview out-rebounded them.

Lincoln will be participating in a regional tournament at Lake Oswego during winter break. The tournament starts on Dec. 27, and Lincoln will face teams from Oregon, California, and Alaska. "I really have no idea how we'll do. We play Sprague first, so we should be able to beat them and a few other teams in the early rounds," said coach Velaida Harris. The Cards played Mt. View last night at home, and play Cleveland on Monday.

Pernilla Nathan

Take it up strong: Senior Alex Clay takes it to the hoop.

Junior Varsity

BY CAREY MOUGEY

After a 69-34 loss in its preseason opener against Westview on Dec. 4, the JV girls basketball team rallied to a 63-48 win over Evergreen on Tuesday. "We are a little inexperienced, but we're growing quickly. It seems like the more we practice the better we get," said veteran coach Mark Paul. Two starting freshmen, Katie Wax and Alayna Vincent, are major contributors to the young team's growth, said Paul.

Despite a tough start, the JV boys basketball team is looking to turn it around tonight against Aloha. The boys are 0-3 in preseason play. They lost to Evergreen 70-43 last Tuesday. "We need to get used to each other and combine our individual talents," said sophomore Skyler Chamberlin. Team goals include outsmarting and out-hustling competitors. "We need to improve our defense, and then we will be major contenders," said first-year coach Jerry Dalton.

Freshman

BY MARIANNA JOY

The freshman boys basketball team lost its second game against Evergreen 62-38 last Tuesday. "It was a disappointing loss, but the boys never quit," said coach Josh Pomeroy.

According to assistant coach George Weatheroy, the team will work on becoming more "fundamentally sound." The next game, at Aloha, will be today at 4 p. m.

The freshman girls basketball team lost its first game last Thursday at Westview 62-52 . Results for the game last night against Mountainview were unavailable at press time.

Their next game will be Monday with Cleveland at Lincoln at 4 p. m.

Pernilla Nathan

Turn it up: The dance team performs at last Friday's basketball game

Swim team gets lost

BY PERNILLA NATHAN

Half of the swim team almost didn't make it on time to the meet at David Douglas on Dec. 9. The bus was only able to seat 50 swimmers; the rest of the team had to drive with little or no directions to the school. "It was insane in terms of organization, but 90 of our swimmers were there," said coach Doug Morten.

The Scorecard

- *The men's team won its first meet at David Douglas Dec. 9, 100-69. The women lost 105-63.*
- *Next meet tonight at 7p.m. at Portland Community College against Madison.*

For being such a big team, Morten was happy that all the swimmers were able to swim. Unfortunately, one of the top girl swimmers, junior Anne Marie Smith, was unable to attend due to an illness. Senior Lindsey Hafner led the way, winning every event she swam in, and taking second in a relay. Even though the girls lost 105-63, the boys came out strong, winning 100-69. "I am used to seeing the girls always winning, but both teams look strong," said senior Abe Gleason. The boys won two out of three of their relays, with juniors Lucas Ekhoff, Greg Nichols, Nicoli McFallo, Andi Lachman, Ian Martin, and Eric Nadal leading the way.

"For our first meet it went really well. The men's team has really begun to take shape as one of the top 10 in the State. And the girls obviously are one of the top three in State," said Morten.

Shake that booty

BY MORGAN LEEK

The Cardinal Dancers are coming off a successful showing in a competition held at Gresham High School last week, placing second out of 17 schools in both novelty and jazz routines. The 24-member team hopes to carry this momentum into its next competition in late January where the performers expect to do well. "We are working hard and practicing a lot in preparation," said sophomore Courtney Burkholder. Coaching the dancers and choreographing the routines is Sara Post, who is also a Blazer dancer. The team captains are seniors Deborah Pearlman and Heidi Stuelpnagel, and junior Erin Johnson.

Thunk, thunk, thunk . . .

My head bounces against the floor repeatedly. *Thunk, thunk, thunk*. . . suddenly I am hurled through the air with lightning speed. *Slap*. . . Sweaty hands grasp my face. *Thunk*. . . a quick side step and I'm being shot through the air in a high arc. *Thump, rattle*. . . I slam into the glass and am put into a dizzying spin. *Swoosh*. . . I fall through the net.

Thunk, thunk, thunk. . . my head bounces down the court. It's all part of the life of a basketball.

By Jesse Halsted